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TO AMEMBASSY TEGUCIGALPA

INFO AMEMBASSY SAN SALVADOR

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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: MASS, HO

SUBJECT: PRICE & AVAILABILITY DATA FOR GOH

REFERENCE: A) USMILGP MESSAGE 292253Z OCT 73; B) LETTER

OF 18 SEPT 73, USMILGP-USAMC; C) STATE 151103;

1. DEPARTMENT HAS NO OBJECTION TO PROVIDING P&A DATA TO THE GOH WITH THE FOLLOWING CAVEATS: A) PROVISION OF P&A DATA IS NOT, REPEAT NOT, AN OFFER TO SELL; B) GOH SHOULD BE MADE AWARE THAT IN THE EVENT A REQUEST TO PURCHASE IS RECEIVED BY THE USG, UNDER THE EVENHANDEDNESS APPROACH WE WILL INFORM THE GOES THAT THE USG IS PREPARED TO SELL IT EQUIVALENT EQUIPMENT IF DESIRED; C) WE ARE STILL NOT IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS FMS CREDIT (REF. C). DOD WILL MAKE P&A DATA AVAILABLE TO GOH THROUGH APPROPRIATE CHANNELS.

2. COMMENT: DEPARTMENT UNDERSTANDS HONDURAN ARMED FORCES DESIRE TO MODERNIZE AND STANDARDIZE WEAPONS.

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HOWEVER, THE QUANTITY INVOLVED IN THE CURRENT CASE IS SUCH

AS TO RAISE A QUESTION AS TO THE PURPOSE OF THE WEAPONS.
THUS, EMBASSY SHOULD REMIND THE GOH TO KEEP IN MIND WHEN
MAKING DECISIONS ON ARMS PURCHASES THAT THE USG IS
OBLIGED TO MAKE A SIMILAR OFFER OF EQUIPMENT TO THE GOES.
THE DEPARTMENT IS CONCERNED, AS THE GOH SHOULD BE, ABOUT
POSSIBLE GOES REACTION WHEN INFORMED OF GOH PLANS TO
PURCHASE LARGE QUANTITY OF INFANTRY WEAPONS AT THE
PRESENT SENSITIVE PERIOD OF NEGOTIATIONS. EMBASSY SHOULD
EMPHASIZE THAT THE USG WILL NOT GET INVOLVED IN MILITARY
SALES TRANSACTIONS WHICH MIGHT JEOPARDIZE THE ONGOING
PEACE NEGOTIATIONS. ACCORDINGLY, WE WOULD APPRECIATE
RECEIVING FROM THE EMBASSY THE GOH'S ASSESSMENT OF THE
EFFECTS PURCHASE OF THIS EQUIPMENT MAY HAVE ON RELATIONS
WITH THE GOES AND PARTICULARLY ON THE NEGOTIATIONS.

3. WITH REGARD TO MODERNIZATION QUESTION, DEPARTMENT
RECORDS INDICATE THE GOH HAS PURCHASED THE FOLLOWING ARMS
SINCE JULY 1969:

WEAPON QUANTITY SOURCE ACQUIRED

RIFLES: 7.62MM

NATO G-3	5,800	PORUGAL	SPRING 70
7.62MM FN	2,000	BELGIUM	SPRING 69
7.62MM			
MAUSER	1,000	SPAIN	

MORTARS: 120MM 26 SPAIN

120MM	6	FRANCE	
81MM	42	FRANCE	
60MM	6	PORUGAL	

HOWITZERS:

105MM(M1943)	8	SPAIN	SPRING 70
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SUBMACHIMEGUNS:

9MM UZI	100	BELGIUM	69
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MACHINEGUNS:

7.62 SIG (MAG)	100	BELGIUM	69
HECKLER & KOCH			

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WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION COMMENTS ON CURRENT CONDITION OF
THESE WEAPONS AND HOW, IF AT ALL, MODERNIZATION PLANS
SQUARE WITH SUCH RECENT ACQUISITIONS. RUSH

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